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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC

1. DEPT UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE IS SOME UNCERTAINTY ABOUT FUTURE LEADERSHIP OF UNFDAC AND DND. ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO WE WERE VISITED BY RETIRED DUTCH DIPLOMAT DEBEUS, WHO CLAIMED HE HAD COMMITMENT FROM SYG WALDHEIM THAT HE WOULD BE APPOINTED TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC IN OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR WHEN INCUMBENT, DR. MARTENS, WOULD RETIRE. WE RECENTLY HAVE RECEIVED INDICATIONS THAT MARTENS HAS INFORMED UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL DAVIDSON THAT HE IS INTERESTED IN EXTENDING BEYOND OCTOBER ON CONDITION THAT HE KEEP HIS TWO HATS, I.E., THAT HE BE CONFIRMED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC INSTEAD OF "ACTING", AND THAT HE ALSO REMAIN AS DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS. MEANWHILE, CANDIDATES ARE SURFACING FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, AT LEAST ONE OF WHOM, ISTVAN BAYER OF HUNGARY, WE
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WOULD FIND DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT.

2. AS MISSION AWARE, WE HAVE MISGIVINGS ABOUT PRESENT ORGANIZATION WHEREBY ONE INDIVIDUAL IS GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR DIRECTION OF BOTH FUND AND DIVISION. WE HAVE ALSO HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT MARTENS' PERFORMANCE AS ADMINISTRATOR AND AS A FUND RAISER. RECENTLY WE FIND IMPROVEMENT IN HIS

PERFORMANCE. HE IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN DELICATE AND IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE TURKS DESIGNED TO ASSIST THEM IN GUARDING AGAINST DIVERSION OF THEIR OPIUM POPPY CROP. DURING THESE NEGOTIATIONS HE IS KEEPING OUR MISSION IN GENEVA FULLY INFORMED. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE MARTENS FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR. THE MISSION IS REQUESTED, THEREFORE, TO FIND A SUITABLE EARLY OCCASION TO INFORM UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL DAVIDSON THAT DR. MARTENS HAS OUR CONFIDENCE AND THAT WE HOPE HIS CONTRACT COULD BE EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR. IN ITS APPROACH THE MISSION SHOULD STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS HE CARRYING OUT WITH TURKS AND THAT THROUGH NEXT SUMMER'S HARVEST AND LATER SALE OF STRAW THE UN NARCOTICS ORGANIZATION WILL BE BEARING ITS WEIGHTIEST RESPONSIBILITIES SINCE ITS INCEPTION. IT IS, THEREFORE, NOT TIME TO MAKE CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT. KISSINGER

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